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EXDIS FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ ONLY FROM C STAFF

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TAGS: OVIP (NIMETZ, MATTHEW)

SUBJECT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. SOMALIA. BELOW IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS TELEGRAM YOU
WILL FIND A MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE DICTATED BY BOB THIS
MORNING. IN THE LIGHT OF ITS CONTENT IS THERE ANYTHING
YOU WOULD WANT US TO DO? SHOULD IT BE SHARED WITH MOOSE,
OR ANYONE ELSE AND SHOULD THEY CONTACT THE DOCTOR IN
NEW YORK?

2. MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE. SUBJECT: SOMALIA AND NEWSWEEK.

NEWSWEEK: SCOTT SULLIVAN OF NEWSWEEK PHONED THIS
MORNING TO SAY HE NEEDED TO TALK TO MR. NIMETZ ABOUT A
SENSITIVE STORY. SULLIVAN WAS TOLD, OFF THE RECORD, THAT
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MR. NIMETZ WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND WOULD NOT BE BACK
IN TOWN UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING. MR. SULLIVAN REPLIED THAT
ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE WAS ON TO A STORY AND THAT HE WOULD
RATHER NOT BE IN THE MIDDLE. SULLIVAN WAS TOLD THAT
MEMBER OF C STAFF WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK TO MR. DE BROCH-
GRAVE.

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER DE BORCHGRAVE CALLED AND REPORTED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING

SOMALIA. HE OFFERED HYPOTHESIS THAT PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE ACTED IN THE OGADEN ON JULY 13 ON BASIS OF MISINTERPRETED US SIGNALS SENT TO HIM VIA A CERTAIN NEW YORK DOCTOR. PRESIDENT BARRE HAD BEEN HAUNTED BY SADAT'S DIFFICULTIES AFTER THE EXPULSION OF THE SOVIETS AND WOULD NOT HAVE ACTED SIMILARLY WERE IT NOT FOR US SIGNALS. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO DE BORCHGRAVE, BARRE'S EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH ANDY YOUNG HAD NOT BEEN REASSURING. DE BORCHGRAVE OPINED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECENT RETURN TO A POLICY OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT -- WHILE LETTING OTHER ALLIES SUPPORT SOMALIA MILITARILY -- WAS A CORRECT ONE. HE ALSO IMPLIED THAT BARRE'S MISUNDERSTANDING WAS PERHAPS NOT OUR FAULT. ON THE OTHER HAND HE BELIEVES USG TOLD SOMALIA NOT TO BOTHER DJIBOUTI OR KENYA AND THAT BARRE COULD HAVE EASILY MISTOOK THIS TO MEAN THE US WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HIS MOVES IN THE OGADEN.

THE DOCTOR: COINCIDENTALLY, FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER CONVERSATION WITH DE BORCHGRAVE, THE DOCTOR PHONED MR. NIMETZ. HE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE SOMALIAN INITIATIVE HE HAD RAISED THE PREVIOUS WEEK. HE STATED HE HAD INDIRECTLY PUT THE TWO PARTIES IN CONTACT BUT THAT NOTHING MUCH SEEMED TO BE HAPPENING. HE HAS SINCE ATTEMPTED TO
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GET OUT OF THE MIDDLE. HE SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED SOME OF THIS TO DICK POST OF AF BEFORE POST LEFT FOR AFRICA.

THE DOCTOR THEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY TALKED TO DE BROCHGRAVE OF NEWSWEEK ABOUT SOMALIA. THE FORMER WAS CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENT SOMALIAN COURSE IN THE OGADEN AND DID NOT FEEL WHAT THEY WERE DOING WAS IN OUR INTEREST. HE OFFERED TO SPEAK WITH DICK MOOSE IF MR. NIMETZ FELT THAT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE.

BOTH DE BORCHGRAVE AND THE DOCTOR UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. NIMETZ WOULD NOT BE BACK IN THE CITY UNTIL FRIDAY NIGHT.

3. CYPRUS IN THE UN. I TRUST YOU ARE RECEIVING THE KEY TELEGRAMS. I SUGGEST YOU FOCUS ON USUN 2992. IO INFORMED RAY THAT THE FRG/CYPRIOT RESOLUTION LANGUAGE IS NEGOTIABLE. WE ARE FOCUSING ON OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 3. WILL TRY TO HOLD OFF ANY VOTE UNTIL WEDNESDAY. P.S. LEONARD AND CHRISTOPHIDES MEETING NOON TUESDAY NEW YORK WITH IO/UNP DOUBTFUL WE CAN AVOID NEGOTIATING LANGUAGE CHANGES DIRECTLY WITH CYPRIOTS.

4. CSCE. WHITE HOUSE HAS NOT ANNOUNCED DELEGATION YET.
BOB SPOKE TO CABRANES WHO IS RELAXED. ALL RELEVANT
PAPERS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED IN SECOND DRAFTS WHICH

WILL ULTIMATELY BE SHOWN TO THE NEW MAN.

6. GOOD LUCK. VANCE

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